

WATER AND GOOD AIR TO AVERT INFLUENZA

Doctor Recommends Proper
Living Conditions as the
Best Precaution.

EXPECTS EPIDEMIC

But Disease This Year Will
Be Less Severe, He
Believes.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—A minor epidemic of influenza is practically inevitable throughout America this fall, according to Dr. Royal S. Copeland, commissioner of health for New York City.

Influenza epidemics have always swept countries in pairs, according to Commissioner Copeland. The last one in America prior to last winter was in 1891, which was the minor appendage to the major epidemic of 1890.

Dr. Copeland looks for the epidemic this year to be much lighter than that of 1918, though minor epidemics are often as bad as the major phase. This was true of 1891, he says. But the fact that so many people were affected last year gives added immunity this year.

Dr. Copeland said: "I have no doubt but that we will have another epidemic this year, though infinitely less violent than last year's, when practically every person was affected."

"Seventy per cent of last year's victims were between the ages of fifteen and forty-five, probably due to the fact that so many men were in training camps."

"My only fear is that it will attack another age group this year. Apparently, the germs develop an appetite for a certain kind of food and choose people of a certain age though there is no known explanation for the attraction to certain ages."

Asked what could be done to prepare, Dr. Copeland prescribed "soap and water and fresh air."

"Influenza is essentially a house disease," he said, "Apparently it needs long continual contact to become infected. It is not like smallpox, which you could get in a minute. You have to live with influenza to get it."

"It naturally follows that out-of-door life, sleeping with windows open regardless of the weather, taking exercise, and using common sense with regard to food, are the best preventatives."

"Above all, avoid those who have influenza. In families patients who have influenza or colds ought to be kept by themselves. They should not associate with others."

"Apparently the germs of influenza are conveyed by the hands more easily than other ways. Everyone should have clean hands. People should make it a rule to wash the hands and face several times a day with soap and water."

Commissioner Copeland says there is no cause for excitement since the board of health is watching symptoms of influenza the world over, and is co-operating with other boards of health throughout America. It is also working on vaccines.

"Masks are no good, it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of scientists," says Doctor Copeland, "We are old fashioned here. We do not believe in closing schools or churches. We did everything unconventional here in 1918 and had the lowest death rate of all."

To prove that masks are dangerous instead of healthful, Commissioner Copeland cites the case of San Francisco, which had a high death rate, he thinks because "the masks are filthy, prevent the patient from getting good air, and cause him to re-breathe bad breath."

"Above all, let's not get excited," says Commissioner Copeland, who advises everyone to do his utmost to "keep his equanimity, piety, and occupation."

SPORT

Schulte's Successor to Be Named Soon.

The selection of a football coach to succeed H. F. Schulte has been delayed by the efforts of the athletic department and President Hill to bring the best man obtainable to the University of Missouri, Dr. W. E. Meanwell said this morning.

"We feel that we owe the alumni of the University the best selection possible," Doctor Meanwell said, "and we are making every effort to overlook no possibility in making our selection."

Doctor Meanwell emphasized the difficulty of getting an experienced coach at this time of the year.

"We are not looking elsewhere for a coach because we lack confidence in Johnnie Miller," he said. "It is simply our desire to obtain, if possible, a man of more experience."

"But if Miller is named, I am confident that he will have a successful season. Personally I have every confidence in him, and I am sure that he can turn out a team which would be a credit to the University."

The new coach will be named several days in advance of the opening of football practice September 15.

Doctor Meanwell pointed out the necessity of obtaining a man who can handle two sports. Under the ruling of the Missouri Valley Conference, he said, a coach must be employed for the whole year, not for the season, and the athletic department could not afford to employ separate coaches for each sport.

If Miller is named head coach, he will coach football and baseball, with the new man in charge of freshman football and track. A combination man of that kind would not be difficult to find, Doctor Meanwell said.

On the other hand, if Miller continues his present work as freshman football and Varsity baseball coach, the new man must coach Varsity football and Varsity track. The department has not found it easy to engage such a man, Doctor Meanwell said.

The number of coaches engaged by the athletic department and the salaries which they are paid are directly dependent upon the gate receipts of the intercollegiate contests, and for that reason the department must economize by securing coaches who have a variety of talents.

Says Martin Will Beat Dempsey.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Jimmy Bronson, the loquacious manager of Bob Martin, heavyweight pugilist champion of the A.E.F., doesn't claim the world's championship for his protegee, statements to the contrary notwithstanding.

In a talk with the United Press a short time ago Bronson freely admitted that his heavyweight probably is a long way from the heavyweight crown.

"But," said James, "within two years Martin will beat Dempsey. Remember what I tell you. Right now he is a better man than Dempsey, but I am not foolish enough to believe that he knows enough about fighting to go in and defeat Dempsey."

"I want to show the public what this boy can do, and I'll do it in a legitimate way. We are not begging for fights. We will take what comes along and we'll march straight to the championship. Every member of the A.E.F."

believes this and will back his feelings in the matter."

Bronson expresses himself as opposed to the established method of boxing since he has seen what was done in France by boxers. He is a promoter and referee of long experience, having conducted high class boxing in Joplin, for many years. He said he was unwilling to believe when he went to France as a Y.M.C.A. athletic director that the time would ever come when he would favor two-minute rounds over the established method of sending men over the three-minute route.

Sallee Is Shy in Phillies' Park.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Slim Sallee came very near being the most important part of the famous Red machine that has run rampant through the National League this year, but there are very few fans who know that his fame extends also in another direction.

Sallee, canny, wise old pitcher, never has started a game against Philadelphia in its home band-box. In fact, only thirteen starts against Philadelphia's alleged National League club have been made by the elongated southpaw.

The reason for Slim's refraining from pitching when his club visits Philadelphia is simply this: He is easy for the opposition to touch for long flies. And long flies in the National League ballfield in the sleep city are home runs. Some one would be breaking the home run record if Sallee did much serving.

Occasionally the left-handed master has finished a ball game against the Phils, but never in all the years he has been curving in the National League—under the colors of St. Louis, New York and Cincinnati—has he started against the Quakers on their home lot.

The Giants have been accused by Cincinnatians of attempting to buy a pennant.

What would they say if they were told that Col. Jacob Ruppert and Col. T. L. Huston, owners of the New York Yankees, are laying plans to pillage Redville of Pat Moran? Would they yell?

They probably would. And the two colonels, while not tampering with any one's ball players, still are hot after a successor to Miller Huggins, who is believed to have failed with a high-class organization, and they lean strongly either to Moran or Wilbert Robinson.

Bob Simpson Wins For Illinois A. C.

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—Bob Simpson, world's champion hurdler, star at the

recent inter-allied meet in Paris, took first place in both the 220 low hurdles and the 120-yard high hurdles at the 41st infantry association track meet today. Simpson ran under the colors of the Illinois Athletic Club and in the hurdles defeated Jo and Frank Loomis after a neck and neck race.

Jo Loomis of the Chicago Athletic Association captured eleven points of his club's total of 81. I. A. C. representatives pile up 65 points for second place, while the University of Chicago took third with 13 points.

Joie Ray captured the 880-yard run in 1:55½, Eddie Fall of the C. A. A. giving Ray a hot race from start to finish. Fall captured the mile run in easy fashion.

One Central A. A. U. record fell when Augier of the I. A. C. threw the javelin 179 feet, 6 inches.

Charley Higgins, returned soldier of the University of Chicago, won the discus throw and shot put in easy fashion.

Former Track Man Will Return to M. U.

Frank Osborne of Kansas City, a former Tiger track star, will come to Columbia Friday to re-enter the University.

Freak Pitching May Be Barred.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—The suggestions of John K. Tener when he was president of the National league are about to be carried out by his successor, John Heydler.

Tener hated the spitball. He believed it to be unsanitary, disgusting and unnecessary. Likewise he believed it a lack of sportsmanship in baseball to permit pitchers to discolor the ball or to doctor it, or deface it in any way before delivery. He fought hard against these things, but never was able to convince his clubowners that the freak deliveries should not be permitted.

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